

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application, of which claims 1-3, 7 and 8 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 11 is herein amended. Reconsideration of the rejections in view of these amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable Claims

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 4-6, 9 and 10 are allowed.

Rejections under 35 USC §102(b)

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Jang et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,417,055).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 11 has been amended to recite “wherein an outer surface of said ridge structure is further covered with a side wall spacer of a ridge shape.”

Jang et al does not teach or suggest such a structural feature.

For at least this reason, claim 11 should patentably distinguish over Jang et al.

Thus, the 35 USC §102(b) rejection should be withdrawn.

It is submitted that nothing in the cited references, taken either alone or in combination, teaches or suggests all the features recited in each claim of the present invention. Thus all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections, withdrawal of the rejections and an early issue of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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